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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

[0001] This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed by the Examiner on April 29, 2008. In response to the rejections contained therein, Applicant offers clarifying amendments and arguments distinguishing the amended claims from the cited art.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.